

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Noelle Gauvry et al.) Examiner: Golam M. Shameem
Serial No: 10/577,369)
Filed: June 26, 2006) Art Unit: 1626
For: Amidoacetonitrile Derivatives) Confirmation No. 4969
) Docket No: N079 1260 US

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 6, 2008, Applicants herein provide an election and reply. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 09-0528 the requisite fee in the amount of \$460.00 for the Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time. In addition, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same account for any deficiencies deemed due or to credit any overpayments.

The Examiner provides a five (5) way restriction. Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-14, drawn to the compounds of formula I, for initial prosecution. The Examiner requests a further election of species (compound) to which the claims shall be restricted. Accordingly, Applicants elect compound No. 3.16 in Table B3.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues required for resolution, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned for expeditious handling. Otherwise, Applicants believe the present case to be in condition for substantive examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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